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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS RESUMPTION OF RABAT PAYMENTS

REF (A) CAIRO 18222, (B) CAIRO A-166 (NOTAL, (C) CAIRO 890 (NOTAL)
(D) AMMAN 200 (NOTAL, (E) 76 CAIR A-170 (NOTAL)

1. AL AHRAM REPORTED NOVEMBER 3 (REF A) THAT ARAB SUPPORTING STATES, KUWAIT, QATAR, SAUDIA ARABIA, AND UAE HAVE DECIDED TO RESUME PAYMENTS TO ARAB CONFRONTATION STATES, EGYPT, JORDAN AND SYRIA, UNDER TERMS OF THE RABAT AGREEMENT (1974) WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES WITH APPROXIMATELY \$1 BILLION ANNUALLY. ARTICLE NOTES THAT IRAQ AND ALGERIA HAVE NOT YET DECIDED IF THEY WOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTRIBUTION.

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REPORT ALSO STATED THAT PAYMENTS HAD CEASED WITH RE-OPENING OF SUEZ CANAL.

2. REPORT HAS PARALLELS WITH INFORMATION CITED REF C AND D ON ORIGINAL LEVEL AND COMPOSITION OF 1975 DONATION AND POSSIBILITY THAT PAYMENT WOULD BE RESUMED IN 1977 AND 1978. UNDERSTAND FROM REF D THAT DESPITE THOROUGH DESCUSION

OF RESUMPTION OF PAYMENT AT MINI-SUMMIT IN RIYADH EARLY THIS
YEAR, NO FIRM CONCLUSIONS WERE EVER REACHED BY DONOR STATES.

3. AS DEPT. AND ADDRESSEE POSTS AWARE, 1967 KHARTOUM PAYMENTS
(NOT RABAT) WERE LINKED TO GOE LOSS OF SUEZ CANAL REVENUES
DUE TO CLOSING AFTER 1967 WAR. THUS, PRESS ALLUSION SEEMS TO
HAVE CONFUSED TWO ARRANGEMENTS. KHARTOUM PAYMENTS BY KUWAIT
AND SAUDIA ARABIA STILL CONTINUE ACCORDING GOE CENTRAL BANK
STATISTICS, THOUGH LIBYA CEASED ITS CONTRIBUTION IN 1973.
GOE CENTRAL BANK RECORDS REFLECT LAST TRANSFER TO GOE UNDER
RABAT AGREEMENT IN FIRST QUARTER 1976 (REF E).

4. POST WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO ADDRESSEE POSTS MAY HAVE
CONCERNING RESUMPTION OF PAYMENTS AND/OR DECISION OF IRAQ AND
ALGERIA TO PARTICIPATE.

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